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MEMORANDUM FOR: Captain E. A. Burkhalter, Jr.

Acting Director of Naval

Intelligence

SUBJECT:

Authority to conduct congressional briefings based on National Intelligence Estimates

REFERENCE:

OP-942FB1:pd Ser 0011513P942

In response to your referent request, this is to advise you that the Director of Central Intelligence has directed that "no mention of specific National Intelligence Estimates be made in any reports or briefings given to Congress." (USIB-D-18.1/2, 12 December 69). This would require that the title, number, and such expressions as "The Estimate" or, "This Estimate," etc., be deleted from the proposed presentation. Reference may be made instead to "agreed national intelligence" or "intelligence community views" or similar wording. We therefore request that your proposed briefing be edited accordingly.

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